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Mr. Frazer Lockhart U.S. Department of Energy Rocky Flats Office P.O. Box 928 Golden, CO 80402-0928

RE: RFI/RI Work Plan for Operable Unit 3

Dear Mr. Lockhart:

In response to EPA's letter of April 13, 1992, regarding additional sampling of the earthen spillway of the Standley Lake Reservoir, representatives of EPA and EG&G visited the site on April 16, 1992. From this site visit, it was evident that the spillway is not significantly different in general soil characteristics from the surrounding area. There is no reason to believe that wind-borne contamination from the Rocky Flats Plant has preferentially been deposited in this area. Therefore, EPA believes that the current soil sampling program for Operable Unit 3 (OU 3) is adequate to generate data from which to evaluate the exposure pathway of concern (i.e., erosion of the spillway during overtopping of the Standley Lake Reservoir). Submittal of a technical memorandum which describes an additional sampling program is no longer required.

Although additional sampling is not necessary, EPA expects that the exposure pathway will be evaluated in the baseline risk assessment portion of the remedial investigation report for OU 3. If you have any questions or concerns, our point of contact for OU 3 is Bonnie Lavelle, (303) 294-1067.

Sincerely,

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